



KF5KHL, Furman A Smith

The Articles for This Month

KF5KHL Silent Key

The club lost a very valuable member last month. KF5KHL Furman Smith died suddenly. He leaves a very big hole on the operation of the club. As one example, the EME project comes to a sudden stop. It will continue, but in an entirely different way. He worked hard on the 6 m repeater. He was a good source of parts. He will be missed in many other ways. The club will survive but other members will have to work harder.

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Board Meeting

The July board meeting (June 29) was particularly busy although it ended early. There were several items discussed.

They included field day, possible swap meet, EME antenna, club picnic, the club web site, possible programs after next month, and other items.

It was decided that the picnic would be canceled. After much discussion September 23 was selected as the possible date for a fall swap meet.

Field Day

Saturday, June 24 represented the start of Field Day weekend for the Mesilla Valley Radio Club (MVRC).

Field day weekend is a national event which takes up much club energy. It encourages the club to set up temporary communication hubs which can be run anywhere without regular electric power. In the past, the club has provided communications for such emergencies as fires in the Gila and floods in Hatch. This event helps club members develop their communication skills by contacting other radio amateurs across the United States and, indeed, the world.

The event is also designed to publicize the existence of the club and its capabilities. Hence the location of this year's event in the vacant lot located at the corner of Missouri and Don Roser.

Shown here is Steve Barkes, W5RRX, looking over the solar cells which helped power the electronic equipment located in the RV units in the photograph



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Here is the digital operating station. The signal generated here is called FT8. It is a digital radio signal automatically decoded by the receiver. On the left is Rick Green, AI5DE, the station operator. On the right is Mike Deckman, KY6J.



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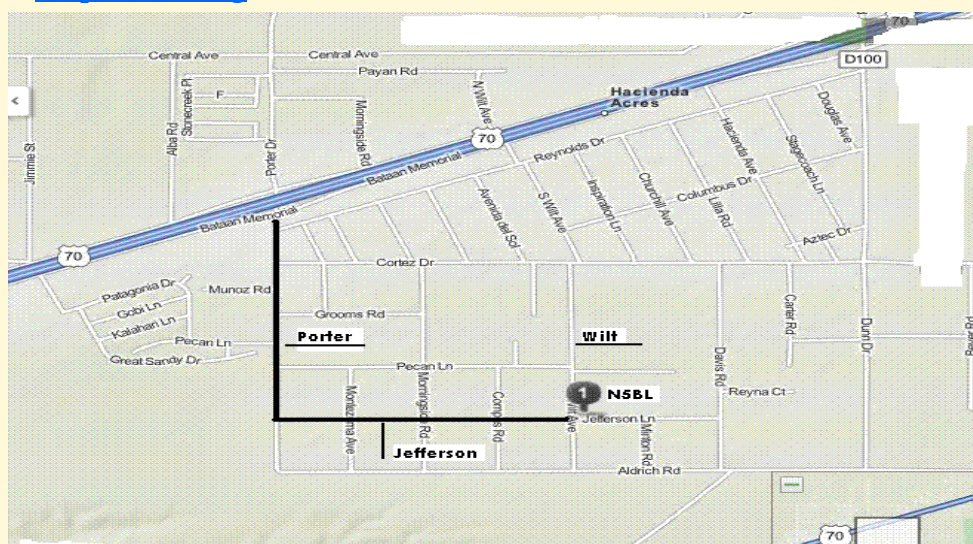
Shown here is the largest of the three RV's making up the Field Day site of the MVRC. It was located at the corner of Missouri and Don Roser.



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CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



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Name(s) _____

EMAIL _____

If you want confirmation that your payment was received and processed, please include your email address

Street Address _____ PO Box# _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club or renew your membership, please complete this form and print or cut out. Send it to **"Treasurer, MVRC, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004"** with annual dues (\$35 single, \$45 family)

Date: _____ Method of payment: Check No. _____ Other _____

Call Sign(S) _____ Family Membership Yes _____ No _____

License Class (E, A, G, T, N) _____ ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Are You a ARRL Volunteer Examiner (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector (email information system)? _____

Interests

Computer _____ Contests _____ Digital _____ Elmer _____ Emergency Communications _____

Field Day _____ Packet _____ Programs _____ Public Service _____ Publicity _____ RFI _____

Repeater _____ Social _____ License Classes _____ Teach Licensing Classes _____

Volunteer Examiner _____ QRSS _____ Other _____

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